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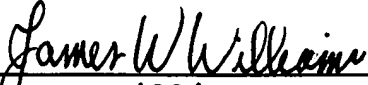
of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 6-331891 (A), (CANON INC), published December 2, 1994; and
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 8-220584 (A), (NIKON CORP), published August 30, 1996.

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